BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

The Best Kept Village Competition was started in the 1950s, but Teffont’s first entry was in 1960 before the Parish Council agreed to enter. Thereafter further entries were spasmodic.

The first time the village actually won the Best Kept Village Competition was in 1973 (in the Small Village Class) then in 1983 and 1986.

The last time that Teffont won was in 2013 and since then there have been no further entries. Before then, The Parish Council had made a decision not to necessarily enter each year, but to take note of any constructive feedback given from previous year’s entries in order to further enhance the appearance and feel of the Village.

The Competition is sponsored by The Hills Group and the criteria is not necessarily to find the most picturesque villages, but those that are the most cared for in all ways. The judges specifically look at the public areas such as Village Greens and public buildings including Village Halls. Residential gardens, roadside hedges and walls, public footpaths, churchyards and external areas around schools, community buildings and playgrounds need to be well kept and litter free. Notice Boards are checked to ensure they are in good condition and kept up to date because they give the judges useful information about what is happening in the village. The most important aspect of the competition is to show the community spirit that exists and there is an opportunity to list all the village activities and clubs in the application form.

Our Best Kept Village Plaques for 1973, 1983 and 1986 are displayed on the front of the Reading Room whilst the 2013 Plaque is sited by the front door of the Village Hall.